

I strongly support the modification of FCC Part 97 rules to provide separate amateur radio band segments on the 160 meter band for wide bandwidth (voice or other signal over 250 Hz wide) and narrow bandwidth signals. The high noise level and poor long range propagation on this medium frequency band makes effective distant communication quite difficult at amateur radio transmitter power levels. By separating weak signal (CW, PSK31, etc.) modes from voice transmissions, public service, emergency and disaster communications and general communication reliability will be improved. The proposed change would also align US frequency allocations with ITU and IARU guidelines used in many countries around the world. While the use of CW may decline in future years, the noise resistant, efficient use of PSK31 and similar narrow bandwidth modulation schemes will likely greatly increase.

Respectfully,  
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